

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of L.M.B., K.L.B., and S.L.B.,
Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

WANDA LEE PRESBERY,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MARK ARTHOUR BRUNSON,

Respondent.

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Before: Griffin, P.J., and Gage and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). These appeals are being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E)(1). We affirm.

Respondents failed to substantially comply with their respective parent-agency agreements and this failure resulted in respondents' inability to provide proper care or custody for the children. Because respondents had failed to address the items raised in the parent-agency agreement, particularly their drug problems, in the year and one-half from the date the children were taken into the court's custody to the date of the permanent custody trial, and were no closer to addressing these issues at the date of trial than they were when the children were first taken into the court's custody, the court properly concluded that there was no reasonable expectation that respondents would be able to provide proper care and custody within a reasonable time considering the children's ages.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondents' parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Hilda R. Gage
/s/ Patrick M. Meter